

Amendments to the Specification :

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 8, line 6 as follows:

For the application of the thread 6, a hollow needle 18 with an inclined front edge cut is inserted into the tube 10. The hollow needle 18 is provided at its end with an open slot 19. The T-anchor is contained in the hollow needle 18 and the thread 6 extends in the embodiment described from the T-anchor through the slot 19 into the space between the hollow needle 18 and the tube 10. If the hollow needle 18 has a sufficiently large inner diameter, the thread may also extend through the needle. In this case, the open slot 19 would not need to be provided. Furthermore, a guide wire 17 is disposed in the hollow needle 18 for the application of the T-anchor. The end of the guide wire 17 extends into the bore in the T-anchor for pushing it out of the needle in the desired position. Fig. 5a shows the hollow needle 18 piercing the tissue 16 with the T-anchor 15 already pushed out of the needle 18 by the guide wire 17. Subsequently, the hollow needle and the guide wire 17 ~~with~~ and then the thread 6 are pulled back into the tube 10 whereby the thread is tensioned and the T-anchor is pivoted into a transverse position so as to be anchored in the tissue 16. The clip 14 is then slipped onto the tensioned thread 6 (see Fig. 5b).